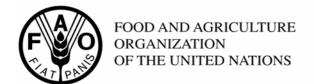
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SUBJECT: Request for Comments on the Draft Code of Hygiene Practice for Milk and

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DEADLINE: 1 January 2004

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BACKGROUND

The 26th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (30 June – 7 July 2003) considered the proposed Draft Code of Hygiene Practice for Milk and Milk Products submitted by the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene for adoption at Step 5.

The Commission decided to adopt the above Draft Code at Step 5 and advanced it to Step 6 (ALINORM 03/41, para. 118 and Appendix VI).

Governments and international organizations are invited to comment on the Draft Code of Hygiene Practice for Milk and Milk Products at Step 6 (see ALINORM 03/13A, Appendix III) in particular to the text that is placed in square brackets and should do so in conformity with the Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts (see *Codex Alimentarius Procedural Manual*, Twelfth Edition, pages 19-21) **not later than 1 January 2004**.

Technical comments submitted at Step 5 would be referred to the Committee and therefore do not need to be resubmitted.